

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN  
DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**JUNE, 2020**

- Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, in reply to Notice of Motion from Members, requesting the Chief Executive make immediate contact with the Office of Minister Shane Ross asking him to intervene, as a matter of urgency, with the FAI and explore ways to ensure the continuance of senior football in Limerick.

An Roinn Iompair,  
Turasóireachta agus Spóirt  
Department of Transport,  
Tourism and Sport

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Michael Sheahan  
Limerick City and County Council  
Office of the Mayor  
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25th February 2020

Ref: TTAS-MO-05616-2019



Dear Mayor Sheahan,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a Notice of Motion agreed by the Metropolitan District of Limerick in relation to Limerick FC.

I am very disappointed to note the present situation regarding Limerick FC. I regret, however, that I am unable to intervene with the FAI on the matter.

The licensing of clubs is a matter for the FAI. I have no role in such decisions and it would not be appropriate for me to seek to intervene on behalf of individual clubs.

Having said that, I am of the view that there is a need for the FAI to be more transparent in their decision making processes and I believe this to be an important part of the culture change that needs to happen within the FAI. I will be raising with the FAI the issue of transparency in decision making and I will be asking them, as part of the necessary reforms that are now underway, to ensure that transparent decision making becomes accepted as part of the new culture within the Association.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Shane Ross".

**Shane Ross**  
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